

Mild & Bitter

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Derby Pubs of the Year 2013

We're now choosing our Branch Pubs of the Year for 2013. Once again there will be a City Pub of the Year Award, a Country Pub of the Year Award and one overall winner from them both. A long list of pubs is printed below from which you can vote for one pub in each category. This can be done via e-mail: poty@derbycamra.org.uk, text: **07900 407086** or mail: **44 Duke St, Derby DE1 3BX** but you must include your CAMRA membership number. Alternatively you can attend the November Branch Meeting to cast your vote in person. The long list will then be narrowed down to a short list of 3 pubs in each category which will then be judged along National Pub of the Year Guidelines to determine the winners. The final results will be announced in January.

POTY Judges Required

We are now actively seeking members to take part in the judging process for the Branch Pubs of the Year. This will require you to visit all 6 short-listed pubs over November/December and mark them along National Pub of the Year Guidelines. These will be given to you prior to the judging and the marking process will be explained. So if you fancy being a judge this year then please contact us at poty@derbycamra.org.uk

Branch Accounts – Auditor Required

An Auditor is required for the Derby Branch Accounts 2012. There is no requirement for the auditor of branch accounts to hold professional qualifications, but some familiarity with book-keeping is highly desirable. The basic function of an audit is to provide independent confirmation that the accounts being audited have been properly prepared and are a true and accurate representation of that activity's financial affairs. For that to be so, the auditor will (a) have direct access to all primary documentation. (b) understand the nature and style of the business or event being audited. (c) be sufficiently numerate to read, understand and check accounts. An audit is not simply a matter of checking that the arithmetic has been done correctly; rather it needs to ensure that the accounts are properly balanced in respect of both cash and bank items and that they reconcile with bank statements. If you are interested please contact Julian Tubbs tubbspubs@gmail.com

Derby CAMRA Branch Meeting, Alexandra, Thursday, 11th October

The October branch meeting will be at the Alexandra Hotel, Siddals Road, Derby, starting at 8pm on **Thursday, 11th October**. The **Best Mild Pub award** will be made on the same evening. Further information from the **Branch Secretary, Ian Forman**, on **01332 882996** or email secretary@derbycamra.org.uk

Thank You for Signing the Beer Tax e-Petition

100,000 signatures have now been received and so lobbying of MPs can begin before a parliamentary debate ahead of Budget 2013. It's impossible to overstate the importance of this as nothing less than the future of our pubs is at stake. There will be a mass lobby of Parliament on **Wednesday, 12th December**, and Mansfield CAMRA may run a bus to the capital, so if you're interested in joining them **please contact Stafford Burt** stafford.burt@oracle.com
Scrap the beer duty escalator!

2013 POTY Candidates

Alexandra Hotel, Derby
Babington Arms, Derby
Barley Mow Inn, Kirk Ireton
Bell, Smalley
Black Cow, Dalbury Lees
Blue Bell Inn, Melbourne
Brewery Tap – Derby's Royal Standard, Derby
Brunswick Inn, Derby
Coach & Horses, Derby
Coopers Arms, Weston-on-Trent
Dragon, Willington
Exeter Arms, Derby
Falstaff Tavern, Derby
Five Lamps, Derby
Flowerpot, Derby
Furnace Inn, Derby
Green Man, Willington
Harrington Arms, Thulston
Horse & Groom, Derby
Markeaton, Derby
Miner's Arms, Brassington
Mr Grundy's Tavern, Derby
Nelson Arms, Middleton
New Zealand Arms, Derby
Old Silk Mill, Derby
Olde Dolphin Inne, Derby
Olde Gate Inne, Brassington
Olde Spa Inne, Derby
Pattenmakers Arms, Duffield
Peacock Inn, Derby
Queen's Head, Little Eaton
Rose & Crown, Boylestone
Rowditch Inn, Derby
Royal Oak, Ockbrook
Royal Oak, Wirksworth
Spread Eagle, Etwall
Station Inn, Derby
Swan Inn, Milton
Thomas Leaper, Derby
White Post, Stanley Common
This list is confidential and isn't for the public domain.

National Cask Ale Week

This year's National Cask Ale Week will run from the **28th September to 7th October**, and promote cask ale throughout the country. All pubs are encouraged to take part and run events throughout the week. Promotional material is available to order from the CAMRA website www.camra.org.uk

CAMRA Launch What Pub

CAMRA has launched a new, national pub site which you can review and update yourself. Visit whatpub.com and log in with either the same details you use to visit the members' area of CAMRA's national website or, if you have not visited the Members' area of CAMRA's national website before, try your CAMRA membership number and postcode when you joined the campaign (upper case, no space).

Good Beer Guide 2013

The new Good Beer Guide is available at a special members' price of £10 for those attending the October and November Branch Meetings. They will be a little bit more in the pubs.

Ember Inns Offer Discounted Ale

The three Ember Inns' pubs in the Derby Area, namely the Markeaton, Allestree, The Broadway and the Hollybrook, Littleover, will offer from 1st October, 20p discount on pints (only) of real ale upon production of your CAMRA membership card.

Melbourne Beer Festival

The weekend of 9th to 11th November was to have seen a beer festival at Melbourne's Assembly Rooms featuring over 50 real ales, but owing to unforeseen circumstances, it has been postponed until next year.

Winter Fest Meetings

The next winter 2013 meetings are on **Thursday, 4th October and Thursday, 1st November** at the Brunswick, Railway Terrace, Derby, starting at 8pm. Gillian can be contacted on 07847 504074 or gillian.williams1@yahoo.co.uk

Derby CAMRA Winter Beer Festival 2013

Are you thinking about volunteering at the Winter Beer Festival but don't know where to start? You've not worked behind a bar before, you know a little about beer, less about cider & continental and all you know about Perry is he was the last Brit to win a grand slam before Andy Murray!! Well fear not – there are a variety of tasks to join in with both before, during and after the Festival. One such position is **Publicity Officer**. This role is mainly carried out before the Festival opens,

liaising with the press and media; generating opportunities for press coverage; and issuing press releases. So if you like to string a few words together, can see a unique publicity opportunity, and are willing to volunteer as part of a robust, happy team then please contact **Gillian Williams on 07847 504074** to discuss things further.

Carl Brett is New RD

Mild and Bitter wishes to congratulate Carl Brett on being appointed CAMRA Regional Director for the East Midlands, and M&B thanks Carl's predecessor, Julian Tubbs, for years of sterling service in this senior role.

Beer Festivals

Brunswick, Derby, 3rd-6th October. **Kings Head**, Duffield, 4th-6th October. **Corner Pin**, Westwood, 5th-7th October. **Nottingham CAMRA**, Castle, Friar Lane, Nottingham, 10th-13th October. **Horse and Groom**, Parker Street, Derby, 11-14th October. **Royal Oak**, Ockbrook, 18th-21st October. **Furnace**, Duke Street, Derby, 31st October to 3rd November. See the Amber Valley section for their beer festivals.

Xmas Show Tickets Available

Make a note in your diary of **Thursday, 13th December** which is when the annual Derby CAMRA Christmas show takes to the stage at Derby's Flower Pot, starting at 8pm. The irreverent script is the creation of co-writers Tim Williams and Nick Meakin, and tickets priced £7 (including buffet) are available from **Ian Forman on 01332 882996 or secretary@derbycamra.org.uk**

Beer Scoring

Please go to www.beerscoring.org.uk where you'll easily be able to register your score. It's important to be aware of the beer quality of all of our pubs for Good Beer Guide selection. Thank you.

Derby Cask Pubs Map

Derby CAMRA is designing a Real Ale Pubs Map and we require your help. If you have any current pub photos or are able to take any then please e-mail them to photos@derbycamra.org.uk

Mild & Bitter on the Web

Mild & Bitter is now available to view in the Members' Area of the award winning Derby Branch Website as well as a number of back copies in case you have mislaid previous editions. You will now have a choice to follow the link in the reminder e-mail straight to the Members Area or download the attachment.

E-Mail User Groups

Did you know that Derby & Amber Valley CAMRA have a user groups which circulates info on social events, beer

festivals, breweries, pubs, etc helping you keep right up-to-date with the current happenings on the real ale scene. They are open to all members, to join just send an email to the administrator with your membership number. For Derby contact, Stewart Marshall, beersurvey@derbycamra.org.uk For Amber Valley contact, Nathan Dilley, NDilley@hotmail.co.uk

Minutes of Derby CAMRA Branch Meeting at Harpur's, Melbourne on Thursday, 13th September 2012.

Present at meeting. 22 **Apologies.** Julian Hough, Adrian Howell, Jim Suter. **Minutes of last meeting.** Published in M&B. Fat Cat remark not to be attributed to Charlie Pratt. **Matters arising.** None. **Officers' reports Chair.** The last few signatures are still needed for the beer tax petition. Please sign it if you haven't yet done so to enable a Parliamentary debate to take place. Cask Ale week 28th Sept to 7th October. Cider month - Oct, socials to be arranged. Please try and sell the raffle tickets you have been sent. Amber Valley Festival 27th to 30th Sept. We still need auditors. Sue Lawson had put Kevin Hepworth forward for festival accounts (elected on vote). Next M&B-Julian Tubbs will do an auditor job description for branch accounts if post not filled. **Guest Speakers.** A talk was then given by Alan Shepherd and Andrew Heafield on the forthcoming (9th -11th Nov) Melbourne Beer Festival. 50 beers and entertainment. They needed Camra help. This was hoped to be an annual event. To be held at the Assembly Rooms. Regular bus service available. Monies for the Poppy Appeal. We then had a talk from Alan on Bespoke Inns, their pubs and intentions. **Treasurer.** DD Advertising- revenue not still on sound basis. **Secretary.** GBG licensee packs had arrived. **Winter Festival.** No staffing form yet. Next meeting 4th Oct (should be at Brunswick but might not be). All going well. Site meeting had taken place. Budget being prepared. Winter festival accounts completed and about to go to auditor. **City Charter Festival.** Julian Tubbs will give help to Carl with accounts etc. Looking at alternative options if planned Assembly Rooms refurb goes ahead. Russ Gilbert had been reappointed as 2013 festival chair. **DD.** Next deadline 20th. Next issue may have new printers. Full details to follow. **GBG and surveys.** On sale for £10 at meeting. Help needed to distribute licensee packs. Official launch on 14th Sept at Coach and Horses, Mansfield Rd - 8pm. Stewart Marshall asked for more surveys for out of town pubs. Stewart had attended regional meeting - New NBSS scheme online on 28th Sept. New system more flexible. There was front page coverage for GBG in the Derby Telegraph but focused on the Trevor Harris pubs that

were not selected rather than the new entries. Trevor had telephoned several members of the Branch to discuss this over the last few days. A discussion then ensued about the Trevor Harris situation. **Membership.** Going well with 30 new letters gone out this month. Les Baynton suggested we held a social for new members. **M&B.** 26th Sept copy date. **Regional.** Carl Brett had replaced Julian Tubbs as Regional Director. **Sub Branches.** AV beer festival coming up. Ashbourne had surveyed beers available in the town and are planning a beer festival in March. **Festival Concessions.** Committee had made proposals and were giving members a chance to comment. Proposals had been fully published in M&B. A discussion ensued. There seemed to be general agreement except for the re-entry to festival element. **AOB.** Les Baynton had thanks letters from British Legion and British Heart Foundation for collections at the festival. Les Williams proposed a Thornbridge trip 17th 24th or 31st Oct. Jok had questioned not having financial summary reports for accounts at EGM. Some clarification was given. **Meeting closed at 21.44**

Derby Branch Meeting

Agenda

1. Apologies. 2. Minutes of last meeting. 3. Matters arising. 4. Officers' reports - Chair, Secretary, Treasurer. 5. Other reports - Beer Festivals, Campaigning, Derby Drinker, Good Beer Guide & Surveys, LocAle, Membership, Mild & Bitter, Pubs Officer & Pub Preservation, Publications, Regional, Sales, Socials, Sub-Branches, Tasting Panel, Transport, Website. 6. Information exchange - Pub, Brewery, etc 7. Any other business.

Amber Valley CAMRA

Please vote now for Pub of the Year

You have until **8th October** to register your 5 favourite pubs in Amber Valley, with Trevor Spencer. Please email him (address below) or text/phone **0775 8265915**. Please quote your name and membership number. Judges will survey the top eight most frequently nominated pubs.

Committee Nominations Required for AGM

The 4th Amber Valley CAMRA AGM will be held in the upstairs room of the Hunter Arms, Kilburn on Thursday, 29th November, starting at 8.15pm. There are four committee positions to fill, which are: Chairman, Secretary, Membership Secretary and Social Secretary, so if any of these appeal, then please contact Secretary, Trevor Spencer **dedpoet702@yahoo.co.uk** You will need a proposer and seconder, both of whom must be CAMRA members.

Festivals Galore

If you enjoyed the Ripley Rail Ale Festival and are thirsty for more of the same, then our local pubs aren't going to let you down. The Strutt Club, Campbell Street, Belper, 19-21st October; Holly Bush, Makeney and George and Dragon, Belper, both 25-27th October; White Hart, Bargate, 1-3rd November; Cross Keys, Belper, 2-4th November. Enjoy them.

Honey Pot is Ripley's Best Kept Pub Secret

At the end of the garden, behind 151 Peasehill Road (the Beehive), is the Honey Pot dedicated real ale bar. Fashioned by Steve Cresswell, the pub's long serving licensee, this delightful oasis of calm is really worth a visit if you're in the area, and it's open lunchtime and evening during the week, and all day Saturday/Sunday. All real ales, cider and perry are just £2.50 a pint.

Inn Brief

Tim Turner, who worked hard to establish the Greyhound on Whitemoor Lane, as one of Belper's better pubs, has taken the reins at the Spanker, Nether Heage. A 170k makeover will see diners offered classy cuisine. The Bulls Head at Belper Lane End is the place to be if you're a fan of Shottle Farm Brewery. Tony Laven, whose farm is barely two miles away, is serving his wares of the liquid and culinary variety at the pub which is in the middle of great walking territory. Please note, though, it doesn't open weekday lunchtime. The Horse and Jockey, Somercotes, has reopened with, I understand, a structurally unaltered interior and Shepherd Neame Spitfire together with Courage Directors initially available.

Minutes of the Amber Valley CAMRA Meeting at the New Inn, Riddings, August 30th

The meeting commenced at 8.35pm with 9 members in attendance **Apologies:** Paul Gibson, Nigel Heathcote **Minutes:** Accepted as a true record. **Matters Arising:** The Red Lion Fritchley has not only closed its Stables Bar, the pub is also up for sale (Alison) **Officers Reports:** *Social Secretary* – Jane distributed her report, which spoke of the August survey trip, on which 5 pubs were visited and 14 different Real Ales were on offer. It's encouraging that 7 AV members and 2 Derby members have been on survey trips for the first time in recent months, with positive feedback from all of them. Commenting on the recent Sheffield trip for her birthday, Jane thanked Phil for organising the crawl, on which 13 members went, and suggested similar trips to Birmingham and/or Manchester could be organised in the future. The September 15th survey will be pretty much as

advertised, finishing at the Devonshire at Buckland Hollow, while October will be to the Denby/Kilburn/Horsley Woodhouse area, with November and December covering pubs on the outskirts of Ripley (Nov) and Belper. **Membership** – Phil reported that we have 30 new members this month, with 0 transfers out and 6 lapses. The website is progressing, with more information on the Beer Festival now available. *Secretary* – Trevor has booked the Strutt Club for October, suggesting that it may be a better idea to book the Waggon and Horses at Alfreton, which was originally proposed, on a non-meet the Brewer night. The Hunters has already been booked for the AGM in November. Alison commented that the proposed meeting for September, scheduled for the 20th at the King William, clashes with their beer festival, Trevor will look into this. *Chairman* – Nathan mentioned the E Petition regarding beer tax, which needs to be signed by all members. He also told the meeting about Bumphill Brewery, which has recently opened near the Crown at Shirland, and which may be represented at the AV Beer festival. **Beer Festival** : There is no confirmed news regarding catering although Nigel has been working on the issue, Alison commenting that we need a definite, signed contract in the future to ensure we do not have such concerns. The programme is not yet available for proofreading, the important thing being the beer list. The deadline for printing is two weeks before the event begins, so there is some time left. Phil hopes to publicise the festival in the Chesterfield area in the next couple of weeks. He reminded members of the invitation from Amber Ales, and the need to book, to a brew day on September 8th for the brewing of the Barnes Wallis 125 year anniversary special ale, which will be on sale at the AV Festival. Prizes for the Tombola stall are coming in, but more are needed. **AOB:** Trevor told the meeting that he had sent a note for inclusion in the Newsletter regarding the need for nominations/applications for Branch Officer positions prior to November's AGM. He also said that the time had come to begin thinking about the Branch's POTY competition, and after a brief discussion it was decided to request nominations, 5 from each member, to be submitted by 25th October, after which the list of the top 8 pubs would be published, with judging beginning on 8th November. The Branch will also encourage members to volunteer as judges of the top 8 pubs. Trevor commented that we would need to organise a trip to judge the POTY's from the other branches in Derbyshire, and it was suggested that we ask Derby if we can accompany them on their trip. As for COTY, it was felt that we may be able to organise a competition, maybe after Christmas, although there are few known Real Ale outlets among the clubs in AV. Alison reported that, as well as the Red Lion at Fritchley, several other pubs are up for sale, including Victors, Cock Hotel and

Railway Peasehill, all in the Ripley area, while the Spanker at Nether Heage is closed while undergoing a refit, after which it will be run by the Landlord from the Greyhound at Belper. The Honeypot at the Beehive and the Bedlam at the Black Bulls Head are now open. The proposed skittle match with Erewash will hopefully go ahead on the 8th of October at the Beehive, subject to confirmation from the Erewash Branch. **The meeting closed at 9:45**, after which licensees Graham and Lynne generously provided a buffet.

Ashbourne CAMRA

Minutes of Ashbourne CAMRA Meeting, 28th August 2012 at The George & Dragon, Ashbourne

Eight branch members present. Observers from Derby Branch, Ashbourne News Telegraph. **Apologies** Kim Dorrington, David Coackley. **Minutes of 31 July Meeting** These had been circulated and were accepted by those present, but with the following amendment on locations for future Branch meetings. **Tuesday 25 September** Branch meeting at **Okeover Arms at Mappleton 8pm; Tuesday 30 October** Branch meeting at **The Bowling Green 8pm**. A confirmation note would be sent to members. **Action: Secretary.** **Matters Arising** The owner of Callow Top brewery would arrange a visit for the Group once the 2012 holiday period ended, e.g. November 2012. Volunteer applications for the Ripley Beer Festival were circulated. As many members as possible to attend to gain experience, especially of set-up. All other issues covered by the Agenda **Results of Pub Visits** The visits and survey had been covered by the Ashbourne News Telegraph. All scheduled visits completed with the exception of The Horns. Mark Grist would compile results and circulate. **Action: Mark Grist. Organisation of Ashbourne Beer Festival** It was agreed to proceed with the development of a plan for an Ashbourne Festival. Approaches had been made to the Shrovetide Committee concerning branding and timing. The Committee had confirmed that it was happy that a link could be made. Information was awaited from the Town Council about possible use of the Town Hall. Pat Laughlin to follow-up. **Action: Secretary.** The Branch was informed that there would be a new micro-brewery based at The Green man in Ashbourne. This created an opportunity for the Derbyshire Micro-brewers Group to be involved in the event. It was generally agreed that local

beers should be featured. There should be a mix of well-known products with less well known and new products with 30 products including ciders and perries on offer. A cider specialist was needed to advise. The Chairman would proceed with the preparation of a business plan. However to take this forward a dedicated planning group was needed. All members to be invited to join a planning group. **Action: Dave Leigh/Pat Laughlin. Any Other Business** A mini Good beer Guide for Ashbourne & District was suggested. This would be considered again when more pub visits had been completed. **Pub Closures** The Coach and Horses would be open in the following week (new Landlord present). The sale of the Green Man would be completed on 31 August 2012. The Shire Horse at Wyaston was believed to be sold. A holding company would be in place at the Rose & Crown, Brailsford. No news on the Yew Tree at Ednaston.

Amber Valley Diary

OCTOBER

Sat 20th - Free survey trip – Kilburn, Denby and Horsley. 730pm from Ripley Market Place. For Alfreton and Belper pick-ups, please ring Jane.
Thu 25th – BRANCH MEETING – Strutt Club, Campbell Street, Belper. 830pm start.

For all Amber Valley Socials contact Jane Wallis on 01773 745966

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Ashbourne Diary

OCTOBER

Tues 30th – BRANCH MEETING, Bowling Green, Ashbourne - 8pm.

Ashbourne Contact

Interim Chairman, Dave Leigh, on 01335 300809 or daveleigh707@hotmail.com

Derby Branch Diary

OCTOBER

Wed 3rd – Beer festival social, Brunswick, Derby - 9pm.
Thu 4th – Winter festival meeting, Brunswick, Derby - 8pm.
Thu 11th – BRANCH MEETING, Alexandra, Derby - 8pm and **Best Mild Pub award** during the same evening.
Fri 19th – Survey – free mini bus to the Wirksworth area from Cathedral Green at 730pm. Names to Dean Smith.
Sat 20th – Regional Club of the Year presentation, during the Nunsfield House beer festival, Boulton Lane, Alvaston.
Thu 25th – Cider social, New Zealand Arms, Peel Street, Derby-9pm.

Sat 27th – Keighley and Worth Valley Railway-Full.

Mon 29th – Committee Meeting, Falstaff, Derby - 8pm.

Tue 30th – Cider social, Exeter 830, Peacock 930pm.

NOVEMBER

Thu 1st - Winter festival meeting, Brunswick, Derby – 8pm.

Thu 8th – BRANCH MEETING, Station Inn, Midland Road, Derby – 8pm.

For all Derby Socials contact Socials@derbycamra.org.uk

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- ♦ Expected M&B but it did not arrive
- ♦ Change your email or postal address

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